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Amsterdam, March 20 1987.

ACTION NEEDED FOR EAST-TIMORESE STUDENTS IN JAKARTA.

We would like to draw your attention to the case of the four East-Timorese students who took refuge at the Dutch Embassy in Jakarta in October 1986. Since then five months have passed.
We are extremely anxious about the safety of the four men, the longer they remain in Jakarta, the longer they remain at the mercy of the Indonesian authorities.
The students constantly fear for their lives and still want to leave Indonesia. They don't receive any student grants anymore and have to sell their private possesions to make a living.

In a letter smuggled out of Indonesia the students write that they left the Dutch Embassy by psychological coercion. The Dutch ambassador told them that the Indonesian police force would interfere if they wouldn't leave the Embassy 'voluntarily'. The Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs, Van den Broek, was in Jakarta at that time. He silently agreed to throw the students out of the Embassy three days after they took refuge.
This minister is still saying that the Dutch government is doing its utmost to get the students out of Indonesia.
In fact, so far nothing has been done. The only thing the Dutch government did was to arrange with Mochtar Kusumaatmadja that the students had nothing to fear outside the Dutch Embassy. By this agreement the Dutch minister had placed the students at the mercy of the Indonesian authorities. Furthermore the Dutch ambassador asked the Indonesian authorities to issue exit visas. The Portuguese government issued Portuguese passports and air-tickets. These documents are still at the Dutch Embassy.

Recently Mochtar stated that the Indonesian authorities had not come to an agreement with the Dutch Embassy about the so called exit visas. He told the Indonesian Press that the students are considered to be Indonesian citizens. To issue them Portuguese passports would bring the so called 'integration of East-Timor' into danger. This political conception based upon the false premise that East-Timor is 'integrated' in stead of annexed, further deteriorates the perspective that the students will be allowed to leave the country.

Now that the students are under control of the Indonesian authorities, we feel that public action is necessary in order to protect the students against arbitrary actions by the authorities in Jakarta.

ACTION PROPOSALS.

We urgently ask you:

1. To write a letter to the Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs, in which you ask him:
   - not to accept further delay in the issueing of exit visas
   - to look for alternative ways to get the four students out of Indonesia, or to deliver the passports and air-tickets to the four without delay, and conduct them, under Embassy protection to the airport for immediate

departure to Lisbon.

To: The Minister of Foreign Affairs
Dhr. H. van den Broek
Postbus 20061
2500 EB Den Haag
The Netherlands

2. To write a letter to the President of Portugal, Mario Soares.
Concept added. This letter is necessary because the Dutch government will act according to the proposals of the Portuguese govern-ment in questions regarding East-Timor.
To: The President of Portugal
Mario Soares
c/o Praca Duque de Saldanha 28
1000 Lisboa
Portugal

3. To send copies of the letters to the Dutch Parliamentary Committee of foreign affairs.
Postbus 20018
2500 EA Den Haag
The Netherlands
Please, also send copies to the Indonesia Committee
Postbus 4098
1009 AB Amsterdam
The Netherlands

4. To bring the case of the four students under the attention of members of Parliament and solidarity groups in your own country.

On behalf of the Indonesia Committee,

Hans van der Veen.